

JOUBLANC Rivas, Luciano

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Delegate to the VII Session of the UN General Assembly, 1952:

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JOUBLANC Rivas, Luciano: Delegate; sat in on meetings of the Ad Hoc Political Committee during the fifth session in 1950, but said very little, gave no indication of his ability and made no contribution to the work of the Committee; lawyer, poet, writer; entered foreign service in 1926; Ambassador to the USSR, 1947-1949; currently political advisor to the Mexican Foreign Minister. He is a friendly, attractive man with boyish charm, but is now reported to be a chronic alcoholic who, as a result, is ill for long periods of time. Nevertheless he is believed to have considerable character and determination hidden under a quiet, unobtrusive exterior. He had been outside of Mexico for more than twenty years prior to 1949; little or no political influence at home. Both he and his wife hate Russia and everything about it; good friend of the U.S., and of Jaime Torres Bodet, Mexican, Director General of UNESCO; speaks English, French, Polish, Swedish, and Russian.

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